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CLAIMS:

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1. A method of filtering and storing information about content, which is available on a network device in a network, wherein said network further comprises network rendering devices adapted for rendering content, the method comprises the steps of:

- filtering said information by removing information about content, which cannot be rendered by at least one of said network devices adapted for rendering content,
- storing said filtered information in a database and making said stored information available on the network.
- 2. A method according to claim 1, wherein content, which cannot be rendered by
 a network rendering device comprises content having a content format, which is not
 compatible with the network rendering devices.
 - 3. A method according to claim 1, wherein content, which cannot be rendered by a network rendering device comprises content having a transport protocol, which is not compatible with the network rendering devices.
 - 4. A method according to claim 1, wherein content which cannot be rendered by a network rendering device comprises content having a DRM system, which is not supported by any of the network rendering devices.
 - 5. A method according to claim 1, wherein said method of filtering and storing information about content is performed in predefined time intervals.
- 6. A method according to claim 1, wherein said method of filtering and storing information about content is performed when a new network rendering device enters the network.

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- 7. A method according to claim 1, wherein said method of filtering and storing information about content is performed when a network rendering device is removed from the network.
- 5 8. A method according to claim 1, wherein said method of filtering and storing information about content is performed when a network device has been removed for a predefined time interval.
- 9. A method according to claim 1, wherein the network is a UPnP network, and
 the information about content being available on a network device is the content information
 stored by an UPnP content directory service.
- 10. A method according to claim 1, wherein the method further comprises storing said removed information about content, which cannot be rendered by at least one of said
 15 network devices adapted for rendering content and making said stored information available on the network.
 - 11. A filtering device adapted for filtering and storing information about content, which is available on a network device in a network, wherein said network further comprises network rendering devices adapted for rendering content, the network device further comprises:
 - means for filtering said information by removing information about content, which cannot be rendered by at least one of said network devices adapted for rendering content,
- means for storing said filtered information in a database and making said stored information available on the network.

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12. A filtering device adapted for filtering and storing information about content, which is available on a network device in a network, wherein said filtering device is comprised in said network device.